

"An act authorising Cornelia A. Howard, guardian of John E. Howard, of the city of Baltimore, to lease certain property therein mentioned;"

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Jenkins, Harper and Worthington;

Also, presented a memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, setting forth their pecuniary embarrassments, and praying that the State may partially relieve them by providing for the payment of the associate judges of Baltimore city court, out of the State Treasury; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Schley presented a petition of Rachel Steiner, praying for an act for the benefit of the children and devisees of Henry Steiner, late of Frederick county deceased; which was read and referred to Messrs. Schley, Johnson and Hammond; and

Mr. Forman presented a petition of the Trustees of Berlin Academy, and other citizens, praying for a proportionable part of the donation that has been heretofore enjoyed by the Academies of Worcester county; which was read and referred to the committee on education.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Trustees of Rockville Academy; which was read and referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Johnson.

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, enquire into the propriety of so revising the laws on trespass, as the more effectually to secure the right of property, and for the punishment of depredations committed thereon; and report to this house by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Nicols from the committee on the coloured population, to which was referred the bill, entitled, an act for the relief of John D. Freeman, of Charles county, reported the same with the following amendment.

#### AEMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Insert as the preamble to the bill, the following:

"Whereas, John D. Freeman, who several years ago, removed from Charles county to the District of Columbia, taking with him certain negroes, and having purchased a large landed estate in Charles county, and being desirous to return to said county, with the bona-fide intention of permanently residing therein. And whereas, said the John D. Freeman has prayed this General Assembly,